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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 8, 2004, of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-38 of the above-identified patent application.

An extension of time is included to respond to the Examiner's rejection.

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